**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 15**

**(26 JUNE 2020)**

**“THE DRINGLES – THE RUNNYMEAD”**

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| **You have until 19h00 on Friday 3 July 2020 to complete this programme. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!**  **Please note that there are bonus points to be earned if you can get a recruit to complete the inspection item of this programme.** |

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| **Equipment required for programme:**   * A cellphone with internet access and WhatsApp access to your patrol WhatsApp Group. * A phone or camera with the ability to take a video. * Paper, sticky tape or a stapler, scizzors and a writing implement * Your personal journal |

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| **The PL should, as always, designate who is doing what and, if nobody is doing an item (such as posting a training video) do this item so that the patrol can complete the programme.** |

Last week you left for the Runnymead, travelling via bird and being treated to some famous sights on the way.

You passed the Victoria Falls (Livingstone, Zambia / Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe) before flying over the al-Masjid al-Ḥarām (Great Mosque of Mecca, Saudi Arabia) and thence to the Pyramids of Giza (Cairo, Egypt).

You then crossed the Mediterranean Sea and arrived at the Parthenon in Athens, Greece. Your tour of Europe continued with you winging over the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, the Arc De Triomphe in Paris, France and then St Paul’s Cathedral in London, United Kingdom.

You then went over “the pond”, passing the Empire State Building in New York, USA, the Washington Monument in Washington DC, USA and finally ended up at the Gateway Arch in St Louis, USA.

Here is a rough copy of your journey, you would have obviously started at your home and should add one leg from your home to Victoria Falls.



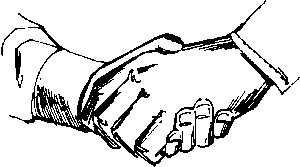
You then learnt a bit about safety and managed to dodge the nasty Grizlods by making the last 20km on foot through the Dringle tunnels, arriving at the Runnymead just in time!

**INSPECTION:**

Despite the attacks of the Grizlods most Dringles made it through and the Runnymead is packed with delegates. You have never seen so many Dringles in one place before! It’s absolutely amazing!

All of them are greeting each other with the secret Dringle left handshake. The handshake was actually adopted by the Dringles from the scouts because they liked the symbolism, and all young Dringles are now taught the meaning of the left handshake at school.

**This covers part of item 2 of troop membership requirements.**

Thanks to your research you know that shaking hands is not a good idea due to the pandemic and you realise that this custom could cause major problems. When you refuse to shake hands your fellow Dringles accuse you of being a Grizlod spy and challenge you to prove that you are a Dringle by explaining the left handshake. Easily done!

Either write up the story of the left hand-shake and explain why it is not a good idea to shake hands during the pandemic and post a picture of your explanation on your patrol WhatsApp group OR post a short video on your patrol WhatsApp group explaining the story of the left handshake and why it is not a good idea to shake hands during the pandemic.

You can double the points that your patrol earns for this portion of the programme if you get a potential recruit who is not a scout to do this item and at least one other item from this programme. For each recruit who does this you double your points, so the more the merrier!

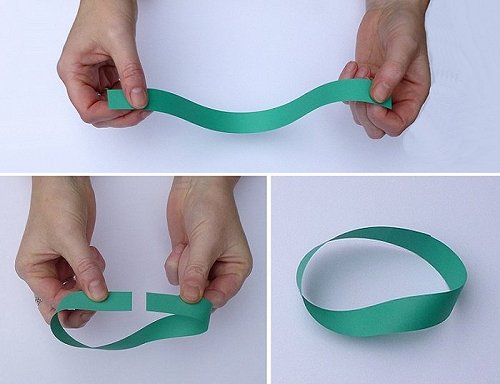
**If you get two friend to join in the programme this can count towards Item 3i of your Traveller Service Theme Badge.**

You will have to add your recruit to your patrol WhatsApp group in order for them to take part in the programme. Hopefully they will join your patrol in time to come, but if they decide that scouting is not for them do not forget to remove them from the group once they are done.

**GAME:**

Being a Dringle meeting, the first agenda item that is raised is that everyone seems to be far too gloomy after the Grizlod attacks and that you all need cheering up before the business of the meeting can continue.

Makwado, a famous Dringle from Peru, offers to teach you all a magic trick to help cheer you up. He calls it a Mobius Strip.

You will need some scizzors, a strip of paper and something to join the ends together (sticky tape, glue or a stapler will work).

Start off by cutting a rectangular strip of paper. You are going to join the ends to make a loop, but before you do make a twist in the paper, as show in this picture. Then join the two ends of the paper.

If you are struggling to make your Mobius strip, visit <https://brilliant.org/wiki/mobius-strips/> to see how to do it.

Now that you have your strip, time for the magic. Put your pencil in the middle of the strip and draw a line, following the strip length-wise as shown in the picture. When you have finished, you should be back where you started, but you will have drawn a line on BOTH sides of the paper without lifting your pencil!

Now cut along the line (punch into the line to start, do not cut to it from the edge). What happens? You can do this time after time, the only limiting factor being the width of the paper.

Post a picture of you with your Mobius strip after you have cut it (as many times as you like!) on your patrol WhatsApp group. It’s magic!!!

**SAVING THE HUMANS:**

The Runnymead has cheered up considerably after playing with the Mobius strips and settles down to the serious busines of the epidemic.

You pass on as much of your knowledge as you can to your fellow Dringles. They are absolutely amazed at how quickly the virus spreads and are very impressed by your knowledge.

The humans are clearly too silly to know how to deal with the pandemic and only the intervention of Dringles can save them.

**This counts for item 4 of your Covid-19 awareness badge.**

Do one of the following:

1. Build a tippy-tap and post a video on your patrol WhatsApp group of you using it to wash your hands properly in a manner that will prevent the spread of Covid-19. The tippy tap should ideally be in a place where it will be used by people in the area. For tips on how to make a tippy-tap visit <http://www.tippytap.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/How-to-build-a-tippy-tap-manual.pdf> or <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-Lk-GJtTbM#:~:text=The%20Tippy%20Tap%20is%20a,the%20device%20is%20very%20hygienic.>

OR

1. Make a video of at least two minutes in which you demonstrate how to wash your hands properly with soap and water to avoid transmitting Covid-19 AND a further four methods on how to prevent the spread of Covid-19. You must demonstrate your methods, not just talk about them. Post you video on you patrol WhatsApp group and send it to five of your friends or family members who do not live with you at home.

**THE GRIZLOD THREAT:**

Your interventions should do a great deal to assist the humans and you have educated your fellow Dringles and will hopefully save many Dringle lives too.

For now though there is a more pressing problem. The number of the Grizlods in the area is increasing and there is a real chance that they will stumble on the hidden entrance the underground chamber where the Runnymead is taking place. They are systematically searching the area, which is unusual. Grizlods are notoriously stupid and this activity seems to indicate that there is a very clever Grizlod who has taken charge of the Grizlod hoards and who is directing their efforts. Eliminate their leader and the threat should diminish considerably.

**This is excellent practice for item 3(b)c of the Backwoodsman badge, where you have to build 3 snares on a survival camp. For full requirements of this badge, visit** <https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Backwoodsman_Scout_Interest_Badge>

Someone suggests a trap. Nobody has ever caught a Grizlod before (normally you can dodge them quite easily), but it might work.

Design and build a Grizlod trap and post a picture or video of it on your patrol WhatsApp group. You know the following about Grizlods which might help with your planning:

* Your average Grizlod ranges in size from about 2cm tall to 5cm tall (from the size of an average Dringle to over double that;
* They love to eat Dringles (if they can catch them) and also like cheese;
* They can ride large birds of prey and use them to swoop on unsuspecting Dringles;
* They have amazing regenerative powers and can regrow legs and arms that are lost in battle. Their spies will sometimes cut off parts of their bodies to look more like Dringles and are surprisingly good at disguising themselves;

**Build a sturdy trap out of wood and you can maybe use it to sign off part of your Carpenter’s Badge. Discuss this with your TS before you start building! Badge requirements can be found at** <https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=Carpenter_Scout_Interest_Badge>

* They have four legs and two arms. All their fingers and toes end in sharp claws; This means they can climb very well;
* Male Grizlods have tusks which sometimes snag on things;
* They have lizard-like tails.

You will hopefully bait and use your trap next week.

**BLOGS:**

Let the Run back home know how you are doing and post an update in either your personal log or on your patrol Blog on what you did this week.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



* Congratulations to Hayden Evans on achieving his Traveller Service Theme Badge.
* SCOUTS South Africa has challenged each troop to take part in a hike to Mafikeng. BP was in charge of Mafikeng (now Mahikeng) during the Second Anglo-Boer / Anglo-South African War. In order to get to his post he would have travelled from Cape Town, some 1 290km away. The challenge is for the troop to complete this distance, for which we will receive a certificate. Go out each day and make a note of how far you “hike”. Together we need to try and reach 1 290km before 1 August 2020. If you personally complete 20km, you will get a badge. Details of the challenge can be found at <https://www.scouts.org.za/hike-mahikeng-challenge/>

The troop would like to issue out two special challenges:

1. Can your patrol cover the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol that achieves this feat.
2. Can you personally complete the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol member that completes this feat and a special prize at the end of lockdown.

Remember to post updates on your patrol WhatsApp group as to how far you have travelled so that this can be added to your time for the challenge!

* Applications for the National Senior Scout Adventure are now open. If you are going to be 15 or older please message your PL that you want to take part and register at <https://cederbergadventure.co.za/>. **DO NOT PAY A DEPOSIT YET!!!**
* A reminder that SCOUTS South Africa has made branded facemasks available at a cost of R40,00 per mask, excluding delivery. Visit the online scout shop at <https://shop.scouts.org.za/> to place your order.
* The Northrand Scout District is running a competition for all NORTHRAND Scouts. The Northrand Scout that earns the most interest and/or scoutcraft badges during the lockdown will win a prize worth roughly R150,00. Can you be the best in the district and scoop the prize?

SCOUTS South Africa has developed a Covid-19 awareness badge. Are you up to the challenge? Visit <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/> for information on the requirements.

* This Distance Scouting Programme is an experiment. We would appreciate constructive feedback on the programme. Please send this to [andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

**TROOP DISMISSED!**